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GENERAL - REDWOOD/AEVIRGIL

SUBJECT:

SPECIFIC - AEVIRGIL 1 Operations at Brussels Fair

REFERENCE: EGMW 4822

ACTION REQUIRED: See para 8.

1. We noted in reading the AEVIRGIL 1 raw correspondence from November that plans are being made in Munich and Belgium for AEVIRGIL 1 activity directed at Soviets assigned to or visiting the up-coming Brussels Fair. A well organized, tightly controlled AEVIRGIL 1 program will undoubtedly be a useful KUBARK asset there.

2. Headquarters' preliminary thoughts on the Fair were forwarded to the Field with reference. These ideas have since been further developed, and we believe that the plans we have made are fairly practical and realistic in terms both of KUBARK's continuing interests in Belgium and the challenging opportunities which we assume the Fair will present.

3. Factors do exist which will inevitably limit the type and scope of our operations in Brussels, Soviet or other, and they must be carefully considered during the planning stages in order to avoid an over-ambitious program not soundly based on the realities of the situation. We consider the major limitations to be the following:

- a. The Belgian Government views the Fair as a medium for increasing the country's world stature, and it will understandably resent any activities which might work to the detriment of such an objective.
- b. [ ], because of its limited size with relation to the magnitude of the Fair problem, will not be able to provide more than minimal, if any, support for any KUBARK operations.
- c. [ ] which will exercise control of and direct any covert operations, is limited as to size of complement and space. Its limited physical capabilities for providing administrative, logistical and communications support must be carefully considered.

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4. The major KUTUBE objective is seen as the recruitment and/or defection of selected Soviet target individuals. The proper planning approach should be on a selective basis, and only those operations should be attempted which show definite possibilities of success with minimal chance of embarrassing flaps. Since background file data on any Soviet staffers or visitors is apt to be exceedingly limited and may not accurately reflect the individual's susceptibility to recruitment, it is believed that a prerequisite to development of operational leads will be the initiation of contacts with Soviets and with people close to the Soviets in order that avenues of approach to target individuals may be found. This means, in effect, that unless we have a few trained people out circulating in the areas where contacts can be made, we will be forced to rely on any chance leads which may happen to reach us, and we will thereby drastically reduce the probability of successful recruitment.

5. In addition to selected emigre assets which we hope to utilize in part for KUTUBE purposes, the development of contacts will be the proper task of several experienced contract or principal agents. We are currently conducting a careful review of our agent rosters with the aim of finding two to five highly competent individuals who might be considered for a TDY assignment to Brussels for all or part of the Fair period.

6. We look for considerable interplay between KUCAGE and KUTUBE type operations at the Fair, although KUTUBE interests must be recognized as overriding in view of the ever-increasing priorities on scientific and technical intelligence. This is not at all to minimize the value of a carefully controlled KUCAGE program at the Fair, but the major propaganda effect of the Fair will be the exposure of Soviet officials and visitors to Western cultural and political influence, and the covert program can, in a purely KUCAGE sense, only complement the useful influence of the overt. The LCIMPROVE interest will be largely defensive and will depend on the extent to which the RIS activity forces our involvement in LCIMPROVE operations.

7. In the field of covert KUCAGE operations it is felt that the emphasis should be on skillfully devised and well controlled distribution of propaganda material designed primarily to stimulate current intellectual ferment processes so evident in Soviet society. It will be the hope and aim to avoid any crudity or blatancy both in the method of distribution and in the propaganda content. So-called harassment type operations are to be avoided as being counter-productive and potentially embarrassing.

8. In his letter to the Belgian Chapter of 23 November, ALVIRGIL 6 mentioned that ALVIRGIL 1 could provide a team to serve as a nucleus to which the Belgian chapter could attach its operational assets. We would appreciate full information

on this score. Will any of the Belgian group be available on a full-time basis, provided that they are suitably paid? We assume that the chief AEWIRGILITE will be one of the Munich staff, perhaps AEWIRGIL 5. However, if you contemplate delegation of the major role to one of the Belgian chapter, we should know more about him soon, since clearance will be necessary if he is to be made witting and meet with the KUBARK case officer who is to be assigned to handle all aspects of Soviet operations. Prior to the commencement of the Fair it is planned that this case officer will make contact with the participating base elements in order to insure coordination and smooth operating procedures.

9. We have just recently begun to attack the host of problems involved in planning and coordinating the KUBARK program for the Fair. We have therefore been able to give you only the most general outline of our intentions. However, we would much appreciate your comments and recommendations soonest on AEWIRGIL-1 Fair capabilities. The progressive development of our planning will be largely dependent upon continuing exchange of ideas between the Field and Headquarters; you are urged to participate in this exchange to the greatest possible extent.

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